

South Dakota MILK PRODUCTION

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SIoux FALLS, July 18, 2005 - - The April - June 2005 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 369 million pounds, up 26 million pounds (8 percent) from the second quarter of last year, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Office. This is also up 5 percent from last quarter's revised production total of 350 million pounds. Milk production for the first 6 months of 2005 totaled 719 million pounds, compared to 676 million pounds last year.

The average number of milk cows during the second quarter, at 81,000 head, is the same as the second quarter of last year and equal to the revised first quarter this year.

The complete report can be accessed at www.usda.gov/nass/

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